

REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 6, 2005, claims 2-9 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. It was said that the language "processing notes including sorting" was not clear in claim 15.

This is basic language that has been present through several office actions and finds antecedents in the specification. It is not seen what difficulty the Examiner is having with this language. The language is outlined here for proper phrasing:

a first cash handling device
for processing notes including
 sorting of notes,
 totaling of notes received, and
 communicating note totals to at least one of:

 a second cash handling device,
 a visual display and
 communication through a network,
wherein said first cash handling device does not
have the capability to receive or dispense coins;

It is clear that the processing of notes is further defined as including the acts of sorting the notes, totaling the notes received, and communicating the note totals. It is necessary for Applicant to define a note processing machine to some degree of detail to distinguish from the other types of non-analogous coin handling equipment.

It was also said in the Office action that the term "brought together" is not clear and that the term "coupled" was used in the specification.

Paragraph 0011, first sentence states: "The central automatic cash handling device and the peripheral devices are preferably communicatively coupled via radio frequency (RF) communications. Preferably, the devices are linked via RF communication devices employing the Bluetooth specification."

The language introduced into claim 15 was as follows:

"wherein the first cash handling device and the second cash handling device provide a cooperative cash management system in which the totals for notes and coins, respectively, are brought together through wireless communication from these respective devices within a range of no more than 100 meters from each other and are displayed on at least one of the first cash handling device, the second cash handling device or a third device operating as a visual display no more than 100 meters from one of the first the first cash handling device and the second cash handling device."

It is clear that the note totals and coin totals are communicated to one or the other of the machines for display or to a remote display. The phrase "brought together through wireless communication.. and displayed" was simply for emphasis and is believed to be understandable.

Paragraph [0023] of the specification states:

The automatic cash handling device 12 counts and stores the value of the coins deposited, and requests a similar total of the value of notes counted from the remote cash handling device 13. The results can be displayed directly on a display association with the automatic cash handling device 12, or transmitted to the batch display 20 or printer 18.

It is clear from this description that the totals are brought together for display. A minor amendment could change the phrase "brought together" to "wirelessly communicated for display" or other similar language.

The above grounds do not constitute good grounds for a final action and the last Office Action should be withdrawn. It is noted that one request for continuing examination (RCE) has already been filed in this application and that in two Office actions, Applicant's basic contention that the ATM's are unsuitable as a reason to reject the claims on prior art has not been reasonably responded to.

As to the comment that the visual display language in claim 15 is not clear because there is only one visual display

30 disclosed in the application, the Examiner's attention is called to fact that a second remote visual display 20 is illustrated in Fig. 1 and described in the specification.

The rejection on the prior art seen in paragraph 4 is without basis. In the claims, Applicant has provided general definitions for a note counter and a coin sorter/counter as used in the financial and retail industries and incorporating a local wireless network for allowing them to work wirelessly to display totals collected at different locations with 100 meters distance.

The ATM's cited in the prior office actions are inapposite. They operate over long distances with a host computer and use servers and wired networks. It is not Applicant's description that is insufficient, it is the lack of a prior art reason to reject the claims that is the issue in this application.

As to the suggestion that an abnormal mode of operation or tampering mode of operation of the ATM's (not disclosed in the cited references) provides the matter claimed in the application, but is not fully understood by the Examiner, this also is not seen as a proper ground for rejecting all of the claims over the prior art and making the rejection a final rejection in this case.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed to be due, however if any fee is deemed to be due or to be credited, authorization is hereby given to use Deposit Acct. 17-0055.

In view of the Amendment and Remarks, reconsideration of the patent application is respectfully requested. After the amendment, claims 2-9 and 15-19 are now pending and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is earnestly solicited.

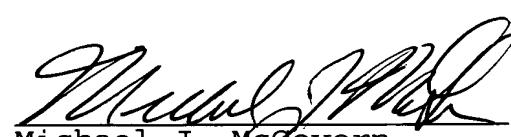
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

In the event the last Office Action is not withdrawn, Applicant requests an Interview at a time mutually convenient to the parties and the Examiner is respectfully requested to

indicate agreement to an Interview in the next communication.
The undersigned will then call to arrange a suitable time for
the Interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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